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Trip To B. of M. Lands Reported

President W. Glenn Harmon gave a most interesting and instructive report of the trip he had made during recent weeks into

Middle America in company with Professor Wells Jakeman of the B.Y.U., and Thomas S. Ferguson, of Oakland. Going and coming by plane he had spent many days at the sites of ancient pyramids and buried empires now hidden in almost impenetrable jungles. Many objects were found in excavational work which will be studied by Professor Jakeman in his laboratory for their historic bearing on the Book of Mormon.

It all began really years ago when a young L.D.S. college student was fired with an ambition to do archeological work in Bible lands. In talking to the professors on this point, they called his attention to the rich, almost untouched field in Book of Mormon archeology lands, altho they personally did not accept the story of that sacred volume. None of them had studied it; all were filled with the common prejudices, holding that a sufficient theory is that of the mongoloid origin of the Indians who, probably, have mixed with Asiatics in the far past in at least North America.

This young man, Wells Jakeman, came to the university here a poor youth, and took up the study of archeology as best he could from the records and documents which are still numerous, although many have been destroyed. He carefully analyzed and correlated his studies towards the Book of Mormon lands and peoples, and became convinced that the ancient ruins already known reveal the sites of the cities mentioned in the Book of Mormon.

He became convinced aslo that these people could not have been scattered over two continents, but more likely were confined to Middle America. Trips were planned by Brothers Harmon and Ferguson so that Brother Jakeman could be helped to go to the ancient pyramids and excavate and seek his own evidence for the Book of Mormon geography, and the truth of its story of two civilizations in that general region. Now Prof. Jakeman feels that the main fruit of the recent trip and excavations is the confirming of his deductions. The passages in the Golden Plates are found to be wonderfully consistent and

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Oakland Stake's Next Quarterly Conf. April 10,11

Oakland Stake's next quarterly conference has been scheduled for April 10 and 11, according to an announcement today by Oakland Stake President Eugene Hilton. Schedule of meetings includes a Stake Priesthood leadership meeting Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Two regular conference sessions will be held on Sunday: the first at 10 a.m., and the second at 7 p.m. A meeting for all stake missionaries has been set for Sunday at 1 p.m. All meetings are in the Oakland ward chapel.

Seeds of Desire

Pres. Emery Ranker delivered another of his scholarly and well conceived sermons on the topic of "Seeds of Desire" at the Berkeley stake conference February 15, 1948. Not idle, wishful thinking, but dominant urges and drives are powerful enough to direct man's work and send him onward to real accomplishments. Real desires are the reasons for striving, the main purpose of living. As we desire, so shall we spend our efforts. If you know a man's desire, you know what the man is.

Many desires are hidden, immature; many are sacred, too sacred to share, some hidden because of shame when we pretend what we are not.

But whatever the sort of seed of desires we plant, we cultivate, harvest and carry to market to sell. But what of the harvest? It will be good or bad as the desires were good or bad. Some baskets we carry to market will be full, some empty, some partly filled—all according to the desires we sowed.

In Berkeley stake there are 5010 members and, therefore, 5010 baskets. What is in the baskets? Only 15 per cent attendance at sacrament meetings; only 67c per capita so far this year for fast offerings. These baskets are not full; the desires are not strong enough yet. Attendance at quorums runs from 23 per cent for the elders to 59 per cent for the priests; in the welfare basket are only a few fragments as yet.

In these baskets are revealed the need for more sincere desires. We are stewarts of our fields. We cannot reap what we do not sow. By neglect the seeds of desire grow old and lose visability. A friends was suffering from the pangs of spiritual malnutrition. He needed new desires to bring new fruits. Returned to the gospel, and from the seeds of strong desire he has reaped the fruits of peace, hope, patience. The highest and most lasting fruit is that of the righteous home circle, in the eternal sense, coming from magnifying the priesthood.

Connie Dunford

As mentioned in the February Messenger, Connie Dunford of Alameda has been selected as Alameda high school's outstanding citizen student of the year, being one of the four so honored in the state of California. She has been elected also as vice-president of the school's student body for the coming year.

Oakland M Men, Gleaner Girl Dance Announced

Executives from the Berkeley and Oakland Stakes Mutual Improvement associations met Sunday, February 29, to discuss plans for the two-stake Gold and Green balls which are scheduled for April 23 in the Scottish Rite ball room.

Members from all wards in both stakes are invited to attend this gala affair-of-the-year. The Sunday planning session for this event indicates that this annual Mutual affair for decorations, entertainment and color, will be a "hit."

J. Leonard Love Interprets Welfare

Elder J. Leonard Love, Salt Lake business man, and new member of the General Welfare Committee, former bishop and stake president and ward, stake and regional welfare worker since the beginning of the program, attended the Berkeley stake conference February 15, 1948. **He gave** singularly inspiring and practical interpretations of welfare work.

Welfare work is something real and can be seen. In 1942 Harold B. Lee had him called to serve as chairman of the Church Clothing Committee. Being a machine shop business man he protested that he was not qualified for that clothing position. But events demonstrated that the Lord inspired His servants who respond as called. After they had called in various specialists in the clothing industries, had held many meetings, had made up with their advice what seemed as adequate clothing budget for all purposes, he as chairman was moved to urge and secure a doubling of that budget, he knew not why.

But the letters that came in afterwards from the Saints in Europe who were kept warm from the extra supplies of quilts and other clothing thus many available strengthened Elder Love's testimony that the Lord is guiding his servants in this welfare work. He quoted from a letter from one particular woman who had been cold and hungry all years of the war in Holland, and how grateful she felt when the

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"What the Book of Mormon Means To Me"

By RUTH SAVAGE HILTON

As a Latter-day Saint, I find it rather difficult to state just what the Book of Mormon does mean because it is so all inclusive. However, there are many things, a few of which I shall mention, that help to make this precious volume dear to my heart.

1. It is the concrete evidence of the "Restoration." We handle it, see it, read its marvelous history, and know that it is in a position to demand attention from those who would seek the Truth.

2. The knowledge of its unique origin is deeply cherished by me but not to the same degree that its teachings are... Possibly the plain direct way in which the fullness of the Gospel is taught by its pages is the one point of most worthk

By way of illustrating widly varied subjects:

a. No believer in the Book of Mormon can possibly be found in confusion as to the fundamental principle of baptism. Here we find not only the necessity of the ordinance made plain but the proper mode, the authority to administer the ordinance, as well as the exact words of the ordinance:

"And again the Lord called others, and said unto them likewise, and he gave unto them

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Trading With Church Members

Maybe one has to go out of his or her way to trade with a fellow member who is in business. But look at it this way. He goes out of his way to help you by putting his advertisment in the Messenger. He doesn't have to do that; he's getting along. But he does, and it costs him good, hard cash.

Isn't it just good old-fashioned fair-play; call it fraternal spirit, for the readers to reciprocate? Thank you. You will try to remember won't you? Thank you all. And say you saw it in The Messenger.

A Welfare Plan For Everybody

Conference remarks by Pres. Wayne Mayhew dealt with the circuit of special welfare educational meetings which were held in all the wards during the special interest class periods of MIA for three Tuesday evenings during February. Ten authorities in their fields were divided into three teams, one dealing with foods, another with clothing and a third with family budgets, and each team moved in rotation to a different center of meetings each Tuesday.

One center was in Vallejo for Vallejo and Napa; another in Martinez for Martinez and Pittsburg and a third center was at Berkeley chapel for Berkeley and Claremont.

The food program featured William Banks on the storage of wheat together with a demonstration of containers and fumigants; Denzel Allen on canned foods and the canning of foods, and Mrs. Irene Ranker on the balanced diet together with a display of whole wheat breads and sweets. The talks were accompanied with charts and pamphlets.

The clothing program presented Beatrice Franz on ladies' suits; Louise Knight on linens, woolens and moth control; and Ellen Haddock on made-over clothing. Again the talks were accompanied with abundant samples, charts and pamphlets.

The budget program offered Norman Creer on "Planning as a Means to the End," and Gertha

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Rhea Gustaveson

Oakland Stake's new YWMIA president, Rhea Gustaveson, comes to her new position after years of MIA service. Sister Gustaveson served on the first MIA board of the first stake organized in California, the Los Angeles Stake, in 1923. Since that time she has continually worked to help develop MIA programs.

In 1936 she was appointed by the general board as district supervisor with the eight stakes of southern California. She served in this capacity for eight years, until she moved into this area three and a half years ago.

In southern California, she also labored in the Relief Society as social service worker and secretary, and also in the special interest department.

Her news writing experience was appreciated a great deal by the "Ensign" staff, southern California's church paper. Her experience was also greatly appreciated by I. B. Ball of the "Stake Messenger." She was serving as Alameda ward and Oakland Stake reporter when appointed to be YWMIA president.

Sister Gustaveson's life centers around her husband, Charles I. Gustaveson, who is a member of the Stake High Council, and their four daughters.

She has also been active in community affairs having served since the family moved to Alameda, as supervisor of the Alameda Youth Center, which is sponsored by local civic clubs. She was also parent-education [illegible] for the 10th district Parent-Teacher association.

Margaret Petry

Margaret Petry of Berkeley ward was awarded a Berkeley high school PTA scholarship of $150 at the time of her graduation January, 1948. Only one other student received a similar award, while three others received lesser awards. The scholarships were

distributed on the basis of scholarship and student-citizenship.

At the high school Margaret had four majors, English, mathematics, languages and science, and at the university she will likely go into some field of science, probably that of psychology.

Born in Berkeley February 8, 1930, Margaret has been busy in the local organizations of the Church from childhood up. At the present she is serving as vice-president of the Gleaner girls in Claremont and also is doing a fine work as ward Church book representative. She has had the privilege of going to the Salt Lake Temple and there doing baptism work for the dead. We are looking for good reports from Margaret at "Cal" which she will enter in the fall of this year.

What's Doing In Church Welfare

● February 23 in the Berkeley chapel was held a special REGIONAL WELFARE meeting under the personal direction of Donald E. Davis of the General Welfare Committee, W. Aird Macdonald conducting.

The purpose of this special welfare session centered on the duties of the newly created position of employment and placement counsellors in each stake presidency, each ward bishopric, and in each ward and stake R. S. presidency. The attendance at this special meeting was about 150 since the Northern California Welfare Region includes the six northern stakes with their 36 wards and eight branches.

Heretofore only one counsellor of each presiding three in stake presidencies, bishoprics and R. E., has had a specific welfare duty, that being Work Director whose duties are to see that workers are available on each welfare project. Now the other counselor will handle employment and placement, seeing that there is a minimum of unemployment among Church people, and marshalling ward, quorum, and R. S forces along training and placement lines for the benefit of any temporarily out of work. ....

● The next regular Regional Welfare Meeting, it is announced by Chairman W. Aird Macdonald, will be held Monday, April 19, in Stockton. At this time Harold B. Lee, managing director of the Church Welfare Program, will attend and direct the convention. Several hundred from the six stakes will attend.

Lost and Needed

William H. Evans, chairman of the Oakland stake genealogical committee, has lost a rare and choice volume entitled, "Le Coultre Genealogy". Probably left in some ward where his duties have taken him. Elder Evans will appreciate all aid in recovering this invaluable source book of genealogy.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare my way before me: and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple." Mal. 3:1.

THE CHALLENGE OF GOOD WARD TEACHING

The entire Saturday evening session of the Berkeley stake conference was devoted to ward teaching. From the last report available, only 393 families were visited out of the 1751 families at that time in the stake, or 16 per cent for the stake. In the wards the percentages ran from 87 per cent for Martinez ward to as low as 5 per cent for one of the wards, and 8 per cent in another, while others varied, 15, 22, 34, 39 and 55 per cent. It is seen that the lower three wards' records pulled the stake average far down.

John Murdock, H. C., in charge of ward teaching declared that ward teaching is unique in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, that many other church leaders have said if they could have our system in their churches, it would be the greatest help that could come to them. We sometimes fail to appreciate the unique opportunity we have in this matter. Ward teaching is so simple a plan and yet so effective for all when done right that it bears its own mark of divinity. When done well in any ward or stake it results in a spiritual revival.

One ward in Southern California has had 100 per cent ward teaching for some time, and during that time there has been 50 per cent attendance at sacrament meetings. The ward teacher is to watch over and strengthen the church, and this means a constant contact so that the teacher keeps himself posted as to the welfare of his assigned families at all times, encouraging them to attend meetings and otherwise live the gospel and reap the rewards in their fuller lives.

Elder Clarence Dangerfield of Claremont Ward, Returns From the Texas-Louisiana Mission

Speaking at the February Berkeley stake conference, Elder Clarence Dangerfield reported that the two years spent in the mission field had been the best thing that he had done in his life. He felt that the Texas-Louisiana mission is the best mission in the world. His testimony has become strong.

At one time when laboring in Dallas, Texas, he sat studying on morning, a feeling came over him as tho a voice had spoken to him saying that he and his companion should go to a certain smaller town nearby. He so told his companion, who could not see the need for the visit at that time, but still went because of the strong impression mentioned.

Taking their own day Saturday, they proceded to visit the town, and as they came into one of the homes they found why they had been sent there by the Lord, for the lady cried out to the Elders, "I am so glad you have come. I prayed you here. We need you."

Sickness had gripped the family, but thru the administration of the humble elders they recovered. Another lady who was deep in despair over the loss of her son, was restored to peace of mind thru conversations and prayers of the elders. The two young elders returned to their quarters in Dallas full of faith in God and joy for His tender care.

"I know this work is the true work of God, and that only thru the Holy Ghost can one receive the knowledge of the truth of all things," concluded Elder Dangerfield.

Berkeley Ward Choir Renders Conference Numbers

The Berkeley ward choir shown above under the masterful leadership of J. William Richards with Mary Russell Burton at the organ rendered inspired selections at the quarterly stake conference, Sunday, February 15, 1948. The two morning numbers were "By Babylon's Waves" by Gounod, organ and six instrumentalists from the university, kettle drums, cymbals, flute, oboe, clarinet and cello; "To Thee, O Lord, Do I Lift up my Soul" by Kalinnikoff. In the afternoon were heard "Still, Still With Thee" by Shelley, and "Grant, We Beseech Thee" by Snow. The prelude and postlude music at each session was lovely organ music from Bach. Notable at the close of each session was the period of reverence following the benediction, filled with soft organ music. This quiet moment of meditation has been practiced in Berkeley and some other wards in the bay region for a short time and meets with general commendation.

Personalities in the Local Welfare Ed. Program

A team of 13 experts in Berkeley stake made their appearance in a circuit of the wards during three Tuesday evenings in February, talking and demonstrating on foods, clothing and budgets as described in the remarks of Pres. Wayne Mayhew at the Berkeley Stake Conference.

We were unable to talk long to many of these people, but there were a few we didn't know before and so we talked to them about themselves. One was Mrs. Gertha McKenney who during most of the time is an efficient elementary school teacher in Concord, but who on this program was equally efficient on home budgets. Born in Placer county and converted to the Church 13 years ago, she has been in Concord three years.

Leading the family budget program was Leland Creer of Concord, until recent years from Provo, Utah, where he was born and where he served the Bethlehem Steel Corp at Geneva as auditor. Now he serves the same company as assistant works auditor in charge of all accounting in the huge Pittsburg plant.

Denzel Allen, bishop of Berkeley ward, was on the foods program. Not many know that he is a chemist in the employ of Cal-Pak, and an expert in canning and canned foods. Ira Markham of the stake H. C., is an expert in accounting also, and gave some wonderful help in family budgets, saving and investing.

Claremont Ward

Lieut. Col. Joseph E. Wood has been ordered to active duty for three months with his consent. As a reserve officer he is assigned to Sixth Army Headquarters at the Presidio of San Francisco and the active duty training is to acquaint him with the duties he would have to perform in case of a national emergency.

A welcome home party was given by the MIA for Clarence Dangerfield on February 24. Bishop Selden Millward was emcee and Curtis Millward led the singing, both being in good form added a lot of pep to the party. Daryl Dangerfield gave the welcome home address and retold stories by Don C. Wood and Mickey Olson were enjoyable. Musical numbers were rendered by former Claremont ward members, Helen and Roy Clovis, Wanda and Reed Chase and Jim and Ardel Kay.

GREEN AND GOLD BALL

Picturesquely situated Cordonices clubhouse on Euclid avenue, south of Eunice street in Berkeley, will be the locale of Claremont ward's Gold and Green ball to be held on Friday evening, April 9, at 8:30. For an evening of fun.. be sure to attend.

FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Brother and Sister Robert Eccles were honored Sunday ,February 15, at an open house celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The affair was held in their home on Fremont street. Both the Eccles were born in Manchester, England, and came to the United States at an early age. Both lived in Ogden for a time and later moved to San Francisco. They were active in Church work in San Francisco in the early years of their marriage and then moved to Oakland, where they attended church in Porter hall, then Oakland ward for many years and finally came to Claremont ward when the wards were divided .Many relatives and friends visited them on their anniversary. Celebrating with them were their daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Searle, their granddaughter, Mrs. Dorothy Oram, and their two great granddaughters, Bonnie and Patsy Oram, all of Claremont ward.

NEW COOK BOOK

We make special mention that Claremont Relief Society will soon have available the "Cook Book of Tomorrow." It has that "New Look" and also all the new and wanted recipes you have been searching for. Betty Madsen and her little helpers will have the finished product ready for your inspection soon, and you'll want one; so save your dimes and dollars. Proceeds to go to the Relief Society building in Salt Lake City.

—GRACE MILLWARD, Pied 8892-J.

HARMONY HILLS COMPLETES ROSTER

The LDS project five miles from San Juan Batista, down Salinas way ,has now completed their roster of members, according to a report from our old friend, Wendell Grow, a former Oakland warder and Messenger advertiser as Texaco service station manager. The group owns over a thousand acres of hill homesite land, and are building their own homes cooperatively.

Twenty members have been accepted and four more are in the course of acceptance. A waiting list of some half dozen is also reported. Four families are living in their own homes on the property, three in San Juan Bautista are about to begin erection of their homes on the Harmony Hills sites, while it is said that six or eight more will move there this summer.

A school bus now carries the children on the "Hills' 'to San Juan for elementary classes.

The Fremont State park is now open to the public. the road to which runs thru the Harmony Hills property, and is therefore kept up by the state. The telephone company has asked permission to runtheir lines thru the "Hills" property, agreeing to furnish phone service at usual rates. It is thought that the light and power lines will follow suit.

Pres. German E. Ellsworth has consented to organize a branch of the Northern States Mission at San Juan, and a hall has been rented.

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Oak. Stake News

March 1, in Dimond ward, Stake MIA heads, Tom Ferguson and Rhea Gustaveson, voiced for the stake board an appreciation of the success which marked several of the events made possible through the budget plan, including the recent M-Men and Senior Scout basket ball tournaments; the film programs supplementing the vocational guidance studies conducted by the Senior Scouts, and especially the Beehive party and the Sweetheart ball..

The Beehive party, attended by 50 girls and 10 leaders, was held February 13 in the Elmhurst ward chapel. Stake Bee Keepers are: Lucille Jefferies, gatherer; Marie Thomas ,builder; and Irene Webb, guardian.

The Sweetheart ball, a stake party sponsored by M Men and Gleaner Girls, and held February 14 in Oakland ward, was lauded by Darrel J. Monson and others who attended for its decorations, dancing and entertainment.

Also winning praise was the Stake Senior Scout and Junior Girl Rosette ball, March 5, in the Elmhurst ward chapel. The event drew participation from all wards. Alameda ward painted posters; Elmhurst provided decorations; Maxwell Park the refreshments; Dimond the programs and Oakland the entertainment. Helen Noble supervised the dancing. An orchestra was provided and the dance was semi-final.

Forthcoming events made possible by the budget plan include: Special Interest Irish party on March 13; the dance for the M-Men and Gleaner banquet, March 19 (each person buys his dinner); and the stake Music Festival on May 7.

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Dramatization of the need for increasing the number of ERA subscriptions in most of the wards, and a report on quotas, will feature the Oakland Stake M.I.A. monthly leadership meeting Sunday, March 21 at 2:30 p.m., in the Dimond ward. Stake officers meet at 2 p.m.

Each department is urged to have a representative attendance at each session since they provide an ideal opportunity to learn together, and to work together.

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San Leandro ward Senior Scouts have issued a challenge to any group of young men 15-18 who wish to accept. The challenges: a horseoe tournament; or a pingpong tournament; or both. If you're interested, contact Carl Leandro, or attend San Leandro ward MIA meeting any Wednesday in the Elmhurst ward chapel. Condie, 125 Sunnyside Drive, San Possibility of holding a stake horshoe-pingpong tourney will be discussed at MIA leadership meeting March 21. Leaders are invited to bring two or three of the young men with them for this discussion.

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President and Mrs. Eugene Hilton and children, George and Patricia, went to Hinckley, Utah, during the latter part of February where they attended funeral services for the former's father, John H. Hilton. President Hilton's father had lived in Hinckley since 1900 and was 90 years of age, but was well known locally because of his extended visits here.

Napa Ward News

A junior choir is being formed under the direction of Erastus Wheeler, the cohir to consist of Mutual-age boys and girls. As our teen-agers have excellent vocal talent we expect a successful and permanent choir.

Friday, the 13th of February, featured the Sweetheart Ball. The exciting valentine decorations were the result of the M.I.A. activity counselors, Florraina Price and Frank Castano. A capacity attendance danced to the music of Eddie Zarro. At the ball Laura Marie Nightwine was chosen to be queen of our Gold and Green Ball, her attendants being Margaret Wilson, Florraina Price, Marie Prescott, and Ula Mangus.

The Fairfield Branch gave a tasty banquet February 18. Two cars full of Napa Ward members enjoyed the hospitality and friendliness of Fairfield members. The banquet was given for the benefit of the Sunday School and Primary.

Boy Scout court of honor took up part of Mutual, February 17. Scoutmaster Fred Reeder, Verl Taysom, and John L. Murdock presented the scouts of Troop 25 their awards.

Six young men, Glenn Olive, Earl Groshart, Clarence Cooper, Faye Fowles, Frank Castano, and Ted Nightwine, are practicing together to perfect a vocal sextet. They are learning all types of songs, from hymns and negro spirituals to cowboy and novelty numbers.

The Relief Society is holding food sales at the Hardware Center here in Napa. the proceeds to go to the Relief Society building in Salt Lake City.

We are thrilled to have Sister Bruerton back home with us. She arrived February 6 from Manchester, England, where she and her husband were in the mission field. The Napa Ward is extremely proud of Brother and Sister Bruerton, our two missionaries and we're very happy to have one of them with us again. Brother Bruerton won't be home for another year, at which time Napa MUST have a chapel. We told Brother Bruerton we would have a chapel for him to return to. That is our goal for this year—A CHAPEL.—Laura Marie Nightwine, 1322 Tranca.

HAVE YOU HEARD

● Elder Howard Marsh of the San Leandro ward, son of Catherine Marsh, efficient ward reporter, was called to accompany Elder Stephen L. Richards of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles in his recent tour of the Argentine Mission. Elder Marsh's report of this tour was printed in the Church News.

● Clyde Summerhays, now superintendent of agencies for Beneficial Life Insurance company, formerly in the presidency of the Oakland stake, was the smiling visitor at the Berkeley state conference Sunday, February 15. His first words in some brief remarks to the conference were words of greetings from his good wife to their many friends in the bay region.

● **The February issue of the Courier of Pittsburg ward reports regarding that astonishing basketball game in Pittsburg in January, "Overpowered by the fast, accurate, and 'rough' Relief Society ladies, the young girls of the ward dropped a wild basketball game by a 28 to 14 score. The girls, however, have challenged the ladies to a return match in the near future." We understand that the Relief Society funds for their new building in Salt Lake City benefitted by this unique game.**

● President Eugene Hilton stated in a short talk at the recent Berkeley stake conference that he had been permitted to preside at 24 quarterly conferences, while at 30 others he had served as counsellor to W. Aird MacDonald. All this in the Oakland stake of Zion.

● Roberta Field, an Australian bride of a U. S. military weather-bureau man, "down under," but living in Berkeley for the past 18 months, has shown some ingenuity. Sensing the high cost of babies today, she has come up with her Bea-Bob Children's Clothing Exchange, buying and selling in good condition after dry-cleaning. Also such things as baby buggies. The shop is only two blocks from the Berkeley chapel, being at 1546 Shattuck. Her Idaho-born L.D.S. husband is connected with the Pacific Weather Patrol in San Francisco.

OAKLAND STAKE RELIEF SOCIETY NEWS

A luncheon and going away party at the home of Oakland Stake Relief Society President Hilda Perkins on February 16, honored two executive officers who are leaving the Oakland Stake Relief Society Stake board. A little token of love and esteem for their work on the stake board and a book, "Wist Ye Not that I Must Be," by President J. Reuben Clark was given to Sister Laura Anderson, who is leaving for Los Angeles to make her home; and Sister Katherine Nor-Norberg who is having to give up the secretarial work.

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A visiting teachers' convention for all the Oakland Stake Relief Society visiting teachers was held in the Elmhurst ward February 27. The program included a Relief Society visiting teachers' demonstration, a question box, a fine selection by a trio from the Oakland ward, and a chorus by the Dimond Ward Singing Mothers. After the program the group met in the social hall for refreshments and visiting.

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At Relief Society Union meeting in the Oakland ward chapel January 15, a splendid representation from the various wards of the Oakland Stake Relief Society was noted. Officers reviewed two recent, important events: the January 5 meeting of executive officers of the Stake board and the December 29 luncheon and Relief Society Stake board meeting at the home of President Hilda Perkins.

Three Latter-day Saint Explorers in Middle America

Shown above left to right are seen Thomas S. Ferguson, W. Glenn Harmon and Professor Wells Jakeman. Tom is an Oakland attorney and also president of the Oakland Stake YMMIA; W. Glenn is a San Francisco attorney and president of the Berkeley Stake; Dr. Wells Jakeman is professor of archeology at the Brigham Young university. As told elsewhere in this issue of the Messenger, these three spent several weeks exploring ancient ruins in Campeche and Yucatan in southern Mexico, looking for data on Book of Mormon geography and civilization.

Berkeley Ward

The Theta Chi Beta club is starting the ball rolling for a new season byelecting officers who are filled with ideas and plans for their success. The first big project is to raise money to help support their many activities, so they held a very fine dinner February 28, in the Berkeley ward recreation room.

The members took complete charge of the affair and furnished the program. It was a big success and our hats are off to them. The new officers are: Pres., George McClellan; Barney Gardner, vice pres.; Gwen Chase, secretary; Howard Ruff, program chairman; Lea Mayhew, sergeant-at-arms and David Gardner. Best wishes are expressed for their success and a vote of thanks is given to the past officers.

A very fine farewell testimonial was held February 25 at Berkeley ward in honor of Delbert H. Rock, who is leaving to fulfill a mission in the Uruguayan Mission. Following the program, dancing and refreshments were enjoyed by all. Delbert makes the seventh missionary in the field for Berkeley ward. At present there are: Walter Scott Barrett, Western States; C. Reed Tolman, Australia; Wayne E. Mayhew, Jr., France; J. Henry Crowther, Gr. Britain; David B. Cummings, New England and Gwynn Barrett, Central Atlantic.

At their regular work and business meeting February 10, the Berkeley ward Relief Society took time out to surprise Ada Umberger with a lovely birthday cake and a little social. The remainder of the day was spent sewing on their welfare project.

The "Bring and Buy Carnival," sponsored by the Relief Society to raise money for their new building in Salt Lake City was a huge success both financially and socially. The ward members turned out in folds to help the cause. Berkeley ward is well towards its assigned goal of $5 per member for the building. Since March 17 marks the 106th year of Relief Society, the Berkeley ward Relief Society have plans for a very fine social and a huge birthday cake will be cut and served, also, entertainment galore will be furnished.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Parker are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl. This is their second child.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Criddle are the proud parents of a baby girl, their first. Mrs. Criddle's mother,Mrs. Evans of Logan, Utah, is visiting here.

Tuesday, February 24, at the MIA open house the ward was given an excellent moving picture entertainment by Robert E. Dunn, using the very expensive new projector and screen recently presented to Berkeley ward by Delbert H. Rock, Sr., Bishop's Counselor Ward Green accepted the new picture equipment in behalf of the ward, expressing the thanks of all the members to Brother Rock.

—WANDA L. GIBBS, Thorn. 3-6730.

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Vallejo Ward News

Mr. and Mrs. William Sowards announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Earlene, to DeVere Moyes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Moyes. The marriage date has been set for March 9.

Theral Nielsen, son of Mr .and Mrs. Harvey Nielsen, is home again from Austin, Texas, after having completed his civil engineering course. At present he is employed in San Francisco. In Austin, not only did he busy himself with his professional studies, but he served also as branch president of the Church in Austin.

L. V. Detton has returned to his home after three weeks spent in the Mare Island Naval hospital where he underwent medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Kutterer are vacationing, and plan to spend time both at Long Beach and in Idaho.

Vallejo ward is more than ordinarily happy in being able to welcome back to the ward our former beloved bishop, E. Z. Taylor, and his good wife. They plan to make their home in Vallejo.

At the last stake conference Howard Hacking was sustained as president of the sixth quorum of elders, while Max Warr and Lorenzo Mitton were sustained as seventies and Dee Powell and Myron Telford as high priests.

Because Miss Patsy Hays was the most outstanding Gleaner Girl, having received more points of accomplishment and achievement than any other girl of the group, she was named as queen for the 1948 Green and Gold ball. Her attendants who were also chosen for their high point standing, are Coleen Knight and Lois Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor are rejoicing over the arrival of their child, Mark Herald, born February 17.

During February at MIA the classes of the Special Interest group enjoyed constructive lectures by stake leaders on three topics, food, clothing and family budgets.

COMING EVENTS IN VALLEJO

March 12: Gold and Green ball, 9 p.m.
March 13: Vallejo interest class will entertain the stake at a special party, 8 p.m.
March 26: M-Men and Gleaner banquet.
April 2: Movie, "Fiesta" in technicolor.

—LaRue A. Powell, Phone 2-4176.

Martinez Ward

The Martinez ward green and gold ball will be held Friday, March 13. The program consists of a demonstration of the tango; competitive dance in which the three best couples will be asked to dance at the stake Green and Gold ball. The queen will be chosen according to merits. Music will be furnished by the Pantheronians.

The ward dance, drama and music festivals will be held April 27. April 30 will see the date for the concluding dance of the year.

The Martinze ward members attending the Berkeley stake dance were the Gale Roskelleys, the Norman Creers, the Ira Markhams, Nancy Dahlin, Betty and Mrs. Kinney, Mr. Brown, and Barbara Roskelly.

The party for the Fireside group members was held at the Church Saturday, March 6. . . . Mrs. Norman Zenk, program chairman of the High School P.-T.A., conducted a panel discussion on the "Value of Experience" for the Fireside group in the home of Mrs. J. J. Dolan, February 29.

March 7, Miss Elizabeth Goertz, missionary from China, related her experiences in the concentration camp during the war. She is returning to China March 13, for a period of seven years to help build up a new China. She will be in charge of a hospital there. This meeting was held in the Jeppson home on Pacheco Boulevard.

SCOUT NEWS IN MARTINEZ

There are four prospective members for Scout Troop No. 188. Scout Master Leslie Korth, and Assistant Scout Master Ivan Haslam, are to be released by March 31. Les Korth has outside work which will take up most of his spare time. Ivan will be kept busy with his new duties in the Bishopric.

The Scout camping trip to Camp Herms in the Berkeley Hills was well attended by the following boys: Stanley Dahlin, Jr., Jack Tussey, Don McKinney, Bill Hillman, Kenney Dahlin, all from Concord. The boys from Martinez were Dwight Sands Robert VomDorp, Ray Newton, Frank Carter, Harry Green, Vance Roskelley.

—Fern Mosier, Reporter.

Digging an Archeological Test Trench in Mexico

In the picture shown above a test trench is being excavated three feet wide and ten feet long extending out from a newly discovered ruin of an ancient pyramid near Carmen, Campeche, Mexico, late in January, 1948. Standing amid the rank jungle growth which has been chopped away to allow for the digging, we see, left to right, Brother Able Paiz, a Latter-day Saint living in Mexico City, who served as guide, two Maya Indian workmen and Thomas S. Ferguson, who with W. Glenn Harmon and Professor Wells Jakeman, explored these ruins. The soil of each six inches of the excavation was searched for pottery fragments or sherds. These sherds are kept in separate bags, carefully marked for later laboratory studies.

Fairfield Branch

H. Grant Bleazard has been named Sunday school superintendent in place of Junior Rindlispach, who has returned to his former home in Sandy, Utah. Bleazard will be assisted in his new position by First Counselor Ray Campbell and Second Counselor Nephi Ipsen.

The Relief Society organization, under the direction of President Dorothy Blaisdell, will present their annual conference next Sunday evening. A program depicting Relief Society activities will be presented and the Singing Mothers will be heard for the first time in several months.

Chairman John Richardson of the Church Building and Finance committee called a meeting for last Monday evening for the purpose of discussing the proposed budget for the coming year. The meeting was well attended and it was unanimously decided to present each member family with a tentative budget which they could voluntarily increase or decrease, as their circumstances might dictate.

The Fairfield branch is scheduled to have a basketball team which will be composed of young men from Dixon, Rio Vista, Vacaville and Fairfield. The group has secured permission from the principal of Armijo high school to hold weekly sessions in Armijo gym each Monday evening. The LDS basketball league is the largest in the world.—Maxine Campbell, Reporter.

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San Leandro Ward

—Elder Howard J. Marsh of the San Leandro Ward, now serving in the Argentine Mission, was called to tour Argentina as companion, interpreter, and news reporter to Apostle Stephen L. and Mrs. Richards, who were accompanied by President and Mrs. Ernest Young, Mission President. Since meetings were held in all large cities, many heard the voices of our authorities. It was the first visit of an Apostle for 25 years. Great was the joy of the members of that mission, and the one hundred missionaries in the Argentine Mission.

February 20.—Our first birthday dinner dance party was a very great success, with about two hundred in attendance. The Bishopric and officers of the ward were made very happy, to enjoy the association of many of our fine young couples whom we miss having with us, at our regular meetings. This is your ward, your presence greatly assists with the foundation stone toward progress in our future planning. A very delicious dinner was prepared by the Relief Society, and served by our girls of the Fireside group. Helen Noble ,our very capable dance director in M.I.A., presented for our entertainment a team of fine professional ballet dancers in "Intrepretative Specialties" from her studio. Shirley Blendin sang several beautiful ballads. Piona accompaniments for the program were rendered by our talented pianist, Verna Jackson. The floor show was concluded with a specialty number by a Mr. G. Mole, playing his own accompaniment on the mandolin. Owen's Orchestra played the music.

John Webster made a very "sparkling" Master of Ceremonies. He is also executive chairman for our building fund. We are fortunate to have such a efficient campaign organizer and executive.

Our Bishop, A. Gifford Jackson, with Newell Christensen, first counsellor, and Wilfred W. Nelson, second counselor, and our Ward Clerk, Bro. Stoker, have given many, many hours of their time during this our first year as a new ward in visiting members carrying through a successful welfare garden project, and other welfare budget projects of a stake nature.

The special interest group of M.I.A. has enjoyed some very interesting programs with the general subject of "Current Events" since the beginning of the year. We are inviting each young couple to attend this very fine program, and participate in the discussion.

February 26.—Roy Weindorff of Dimond Ward, presented a "masterful' 'summarization of the Doctrine and Covenants," with special emphasis on the 76th section and its magnificance, and brought to us gems of literature in this important book, dealing with our time and future exaltation.

March 3.—Bishop Glenn Shaw, manager of KLX, will speak to us and lead the discussion "Our Radio World," of today.

All members of the Ward keep in mind your date for the special interest group Stake dance March 13, to be held at Elmhurst Ward Chapel. We know what a fine time was enjoyed by all who attended the last party at the Oakland Ward. If you haven't a dancing partner come along and join with the group; this is a family affair, "we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers" We have a wonderful stake Special Interest group; here is where you can meet the members of the stake family you do not know. "To know, is to understand and appreciate."

New Public Speakingf and Speech class started March 3. All M.I.A. officers are doing a wonderful work; do come out and support them.

Our Bishopric urge you to attend Sacrament meetings, this is one of the Lord's Commandments. We are healthier, more successful and happier, when we finish our observance of the Sabbath day in Church with our families. Splendid programs have been arranged upon doctrinal subjects by fine speakers. Keep in touch with the printed year's outline of subjects on the bulletin board in the Bishop's office.

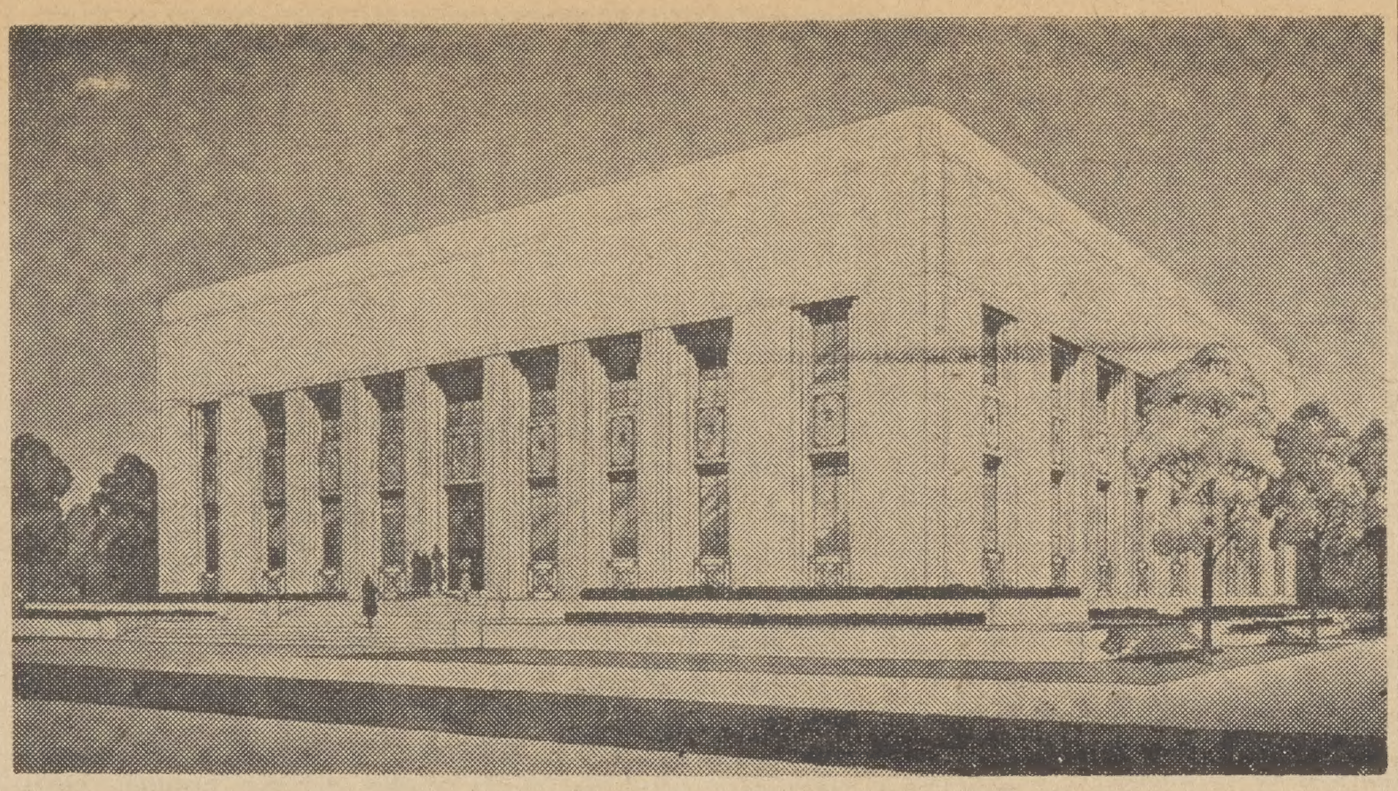
Please call the Bishop when there is sickness in the home.

Within the next few weeks, you may anticipate receiving in the mail two letters, one which will detail our plans for obtaining a lot for Chapel to be built upon, and the second, "How you as a member of the Ward can make it possible for us to own our own lot in 1948." All advanced gifts to your ward building fund will be greatly appreciaited; also your ideas are most valuable.

Herbert J. Marsh is now teaching at San Leandro high school, in the same history department in which he was a student a few years ago. The faculty have given him a warm welcome.

Please let your reporter have your personal news, this is your column.—Catherine K. H. Marsh, Reporter, TR. 2-3111.

Relief Society Office Building Financed By March



The need of this building has been apparent for many years but other things having intervened, only last year was permission granted by the First Presidency of the Church for the women to go ahead on a fund-raising campaign.

Mrs. Belle S. Spafford, general Relief Society president, said when interviewed on the proposed building, that she visioned it as a memorial raised to the prophet Joseph Smith by the women of the church in grateful recognition for the place he assigned to them in the early life of the Church.

Many years before women were given the franchise any place in the United States, the Mormon prophet gave them the right to vote in all matters pertaining to the Church. He early recognized that some parts of Church government are best turned over to women and publicly stated that all he gave to charity from that time on would be given through the women's organization.

Many memorials have been raised to the great Church founder, but none that will better portray his own ideals of temporal benefit and spiritual welfare, since this building will house all of the great activities of the great organization which he founded more than a hundred years ago.

It is hoped that every woman in the church will have a feeling of personal ownership of the building. To foster that ideal all who can do so are encouraged to donate five dollars or any other amount within their means. **The five dollar figure was set because, if every member of the Relief Society gave that much it would make a sufficient amount of each contributor of any amount to erect the building. The name will be inscribed on a scroll, one copy of which will be placed in the corner stone of the building and another copy will become a part of the permanent record of the Relief Society and kept with other records in Salt Lake City.**

Maxwell Pk. Ward

Katherine Beck, mother of Ivan J. Beck, one of our most faithful members, celebrated her 92nd birthday, February 20. Several of the Relief Society members met at her home to help her celebrate with birthday cake and ice cream.

Glen and Mary Bennett are the proud parents of a tiny baby daughter, Treena Mary, born February 21, 1948. Glen is our new president of the Mutual.

Ralph and Ilene Lee have a new baby son, born in February. Ilene is the former secretary of the Relief Society.

A very inspirational farewell party was held for Dean E. Mann who leaves for a mission to the New England States. A fine program was held followed by dancing and refreshments were served later in the evening. We will miss Dean, but feel very proud and happy to have such a fine young man represent our Church in this capacity. Good luck and God bless you, Dean. One request Dean made of us was that we have a new chapel for him to come home to, so let's all get behind the building fund program and put every effort toward this goal.

—MARJORIE HAWKINS, TW. 3-4861

WESTON TAYLOR DIES

We learn that our old friend, Weston Taylor, formerly of Claremont ward and well known in Berkeley stake, has recently passed away at his home in Salt Lake City. He seemed to be improving in health, but an attack of flu weakened him and his death resulted .Every sympathy goes to Sister Taylor and the children.

J. LEONARD LOVE INTERPRETS WELFARE

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elders came bearing the warm supplies of clothing and the food.

Those who have a year's supply of food and clothing on hand will be like the wise business man who always must carry a reserve against possible emergency needs. When a strike in the copper mines put many in needy circumstances, the Church was able to help them in food by having them come to the Welfare Center and work during the layoff period.

"We are not to work to gain eternal life, but to retain it, for we are eternal beings with eternal life unless we forfeit it by disobedience. Learn to love to serve to appreciate. To be great is to please God; to be popular is to please men. Thru the welfare program the people can retain their independence in emergencies; they can have a full life."

The Lord gives us commandments not to tie us down but to help us develop and to qualify for greater things and a happier, fuller life; this is true of Word of Wisdom which helps to make us strong, and to develop hidden treasures of knowledge. Once a man asked him why the L.D.S. Saints were not ahead of other groups in "hidden knowledge," according to the promise in the Word of Wisdom.

He got the answer from a non-Mormon who, when kept at Zion's Park on business over a Sunday, attended a L.D.S. Sunday School in a nearby town, and heard the young people rise and with glowing faces bear testimony that God lives and helps them in their lives. "That is the most wonderful thing I have ever seen," he told Elder Love. And here was a sample of most precious "hidden knowledge" given to the obedient.

How many have prayed to God to bless certain people in need, and then have taken a basket of food to them? How many have gone to a father of a youth of missionary age and said, "I will gladly defray half the expense and help you send that son on a mission as I have before sent my own son?" Take time to do something besides business, to do some good to read, to serve. Remember the plateau upon which we stand today was built by others before us. Let us do something for the present and the next generation. Better to have it said of us, "Born a man, died a saint, then born a man—died a businessman."

Elmhurst Ward

Charles Stamps having been released from the Bishopric, Vern Jacobson has been chosen by Bishop Shaw to fill the vacancy, and was set apart by Apostle Kimball, January 25. We are all happy to have Vern in the Bishopric and wish him much joy in the work.

Your Bishop urgese you to follow the practice of fasting, and giving as a fast offering the equivalent saved by the fast. As all know, such proceeds are used by the Bishop for the help of the less fortunate in the ward. You can help someone else without any cost to yourself. If it is convenient to pay your offering at the Church please do so, otherwise it will be collected by one of the young priesthood members. The Lord will bless you in your efforts.

Elder James McFarlane and his companion are still in Philadelphia, waiting for completion of their visas, hoping to sail in March. Jim writes how much he is enjoying his labors while waiting ,tracting, holding cottage meetings, and contacting many fine people.

Relief Society is busy on Welfare assignments. One project is making rugs of which Sister Marjorie is in charge. She will be glad to welcome anyone willing to help. They are also weaving rugs and again will welcome help. Come and learn, and have a good time, too. Rags are greatly needed. Anyone interested call SW. 8-7614.

The Mutual officers report success in their activities. The Gold and Green Ball will be held April 6. This is always a big time, so plan to be there. Some of our talented people are working on a three-act play to be presented April 26. Be sure to keep this date open. . . . Much interest is being shown in our class in leather work and textile printing under the able leadership of Von McBride and Dorothy Muir. Come and see what is being done.

Our Scouts are reorganized, and have a good program outlined. They are also preparing a play to be given March 16. Plans for summer outings are already underway.—Daisy Cox, TR. 2-7009.

Service Men's Home Sold To Elks' Club

The LDS Servicemen's home on Alice street, Oakland, scene of a thousand "pleasant times" for servicemen passing through the Bay Area, and of numberless young people's parties, has been sold by the Church, it was learned recently.

Oakland Stake Pres. Eugene Hilton advises that the home was sold for $65,000 (it was purchased for $40,000.) The statue from the front hall and the large mirrors have been retained by the Church so that they can be used in the new stake building when it is completed.

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Berkeley Stake News

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● **W. Aird Macdonald in brief remarks at the Berkeley stake conference last month took time to sympathize with President Wayne Mayhew who, he opined, in stake presidency meetings faced the same troubles that Jesus met in Palestine nearly two thousand years ago, namely, doctors and lawyers.**

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● A spider at the last Berkeley stake conference took up a rather too prominent spot in the pulpit, it seems. At least the observant eye of President Ranker so decided. When it came time for him to address the conference, the first move Elder Ranker made was to clear away Mr. Spider, saying as he did so, "I wondered if Brother Mayhew, and Elder Love had noticed this spider, but I see they have left him for me; so here goes."

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● **Everyone seemed to appreciate the interesting an delaborate display of our excellent Church books at the Berkeley chapel during the Berkeley stake conference last month. Several of the wards took occasion to replenish their own ward booktables supplies. Much credit goes to the able and enthusiastic efforts of Owen K. Walton who had charge of the book display.**

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● At least several members of the Berkeley ward, including the ward bishopric, appreciaited the very neat appearance of the chapel grounds for the stake conference, February 15. Reason? They had done the "dirty" work themselves at a "work fest", the Saturday before.

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● **The Messenger editor was able to see for himself the very ambitious Martinez ward Welfare building that is rising on the spacious grounds adjacent to the ward chapel. This big structure of reinforced concrete, with its great doors large enough, it seems, for a truck to enter, is not equalled, as far as we know, by any ward in the bay region. Bishop McIntire and the entire ward membership deserve great credit.**

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● **Sound recordings of the music at the Berkeley stake conference last month were made by Robert E. Dunn for the Berkeley choir numbers at the Sunday morning and afternoon sessions. The Mormon Male Chorus numbers were recorded by Ray E. Campbell of Suisun, publisher of the Messenger. The wire recording system was used in each instance. Plans are under way whereby the sermons of the visiting apostles may also be preserved on permanent records. Perhaps the stake will secure its own recording equipment in the near future.**

RELIEF SOCIETY

Our March leadership meeting will be held on Friday, March 5th in Antioch. Pittsburg ward will be hostess. Sister Mildred Gibbs, president of the Pittsburg Relief Society, has secured the use of the Methodist church in Antioch for our meeting. This is a courtesy to Sister Gibbs in return for her contributions of her lovely voice—Mildred sings her way into the hearts of everyone.

We are happy to announce a new board member. Sister Sarah Banning will be our Stake Literary class leader. She will fill the place of Sister Emma Hinckly, who found it necessary to resign to care for her sister who is ill and needs her at this time. We wish to thank Emma for her splendid contributions to our work, and hope that she will be able, at some future date, to come back into the work.

We regret very much to learn of the illness of Sister Alta Magleby, our teacher topic leader. We sincerely hope for her speedy recovery.

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● Charles C. Carr and wife, May, formerly of Claremont ward where he was the ward's first bishop, and she was ever active in ward duties, dropped the editor a note from their present home in Mesa, Arizona. "Having a wonderful time at the temple where both of us have been set apart as temple workers. Have held as high as seven sessions in one day," writes Brother Carr, and he adds to all his friends, "best regards ,and come and see us sometime."

Oakland Ward

Our son, Michael James, has arrived! These words are being shouted by Dr. and Mrs. Dale C. Christensen, the father being of the Bishopric. He reports that mother and baby are doing very well.

Please take notice! Our Gold and Green Ball is coming. The place, Oakland Ward; the date, March 12; the time, 9 p.m. to 12 p.m.; the orchestra, Jack Blue; dress, semi-formal. Now everyone please put on your best bib and tucker and grab a partner and come out for some fun.

We want to thank our Mutual drama director, Sara Toole, and our music director, Ruth Melville, and the cast and assistants in their efforts in putting on a very fine play Tuesday, February 24, "Lamps of Glory." We are anxious to see more of this kind of plays in the ward and we are very proud of our ward talent.

Don't forget to keep the 2nd of April open on your calendars. That is our Road Show Night. The M.I.A. groups of each ward in the stake are going to show off their talent by putting on road shows at Oakland and Elmhurst Wards.

A new Mormon Community, "Harmony Hills," of San Juan, California, has been started and a well known couple of our ward will be making their residence there. After being in the ward for nine years, Wendel Grow and his family are starting a new life in Harmony Hills, and we all wish them luck at their new pioneering life, which should bring much happiness. We will be looking forward to hearing from them once in a while.

To those who like to sing: Our Ward Choir is practicing for their Easter Cantata, and are extending invitations to you to join them in making their chorus swell with joyous singing at Easter Time.

A reminder! After receiving such wonderful letters from our Misisonaries, I am sure each of us would enjoy writing and thanking them for their letters and send them a word of encouragement and news of home. I know they would appreciate it.
—Bernadine Adams, TW. 3-4861.

Dimond Ward

We congratulate June and Elmo Smith on the arrival early in January of a baby girl, their third.

We express our sympathy to Eugene Hilton and Hazel Allen on the death of their father; and all our sympathy to Frieda Anstotetter on the death of her husband.

Watch for the date of the Dimond Relief Society birthday party. It will start at 7:30 and all married folks are invited. There will also be something of special interest on Tuesday, March 30, so all Relief Society ladies come out and enjoy it.

Dimond ward will hold its Green and Gold ball Friday, March 12; let us all attend and make it a success above all other years.

Remember the monthly Seventies quorum meeting and social! Saturday, March 20, at 8 o'clock is the next meeting; Tom Ferguson will be the speaker. Incidentally, we want to welcome Tom home from his recent trip to Mexico and Central America.

We plan a special meeting Sunday, March 14, honoring all past and present missionaries. The bishop will present the ward with a framed picture containing the photographs of all the missionaries.

Herb Anderson has been advanced to troop committee chairman and Marriner Swenson is the new Scoutmaster. Good luck to you both.

History will be made in Dimond. For the first time all the bishopric plan to attend conference in Salt Lake this April.

We are proud of our ward teachers and supervisors. For three successive months they have had 100 per cent coverage of all districts. We want to congratulate executive chairman Richard Hatfield and area supervisors Frank Eggertson, Clayton Nielsen and LaMaun Clark on their splendid work.

The Sunday school invites all adults to its gospel doctrine class. Tom Ferguson is the teacher with Marriner Swenson as assistant.

We are hoping soon to bring the stake tabernacle drive in Dimond to a close. Under the supervision of Brother H. A. Van Noy, $9,000 has been collected and a number of pledges given toward the balance. If you have not yet made your pledge, do so at once. Contact Brother Van Noy or member of the bishopric for this worthy cause as we do need a new stake meeting house and recreation center.
—JOYCE HILTON.

Alameda Ward

Paul Thompson was called to fill a mission, given his farewell party and was in the Mission Home in Salt Lake City by March 1, although he was given only four days' notice. He is enabled to go upon this mission due to the financial cooperation of Francis Winkle, his brother-in-law. Paul has served as secretary of the M.I.A., and has been helpful on the basketball team. He has been employed at the Bodily Manufacturing company. Thus Alameda sends its third missionary at present in the field. The other two are Gertrude Hermann in the New England Mission, and Sterling Yeaman in the Argentine.

March 14.—The Sunday evening speakers will be former active Alameda members, now living in Berkeley and Claremont wards, Ronald Correy and Delmar Young. . . . The dismantling of the army camp building is almost complete and the ward is ready to enter upon the active construction of the ward chapel in Alameda. Plans are approved and stakes for the foundation already driven. The only casualty of all this dismantling operation has been Brother George Pinckley, who fell from a ladder and broke his right heel. He was resting at home when this once ran a nail in his foot, and then later, was written.

Niles Grow, daughter of Theodore and Mrs. Grow, living at 457-A Eagle Avenue, Alameda, has recently graduated from the high school with such good standing that immediately there was found a place for her in a local insurance office.

Ira M. Schow and his wife have been visiting their six married children living in the bay region: Sister Lucile Schow of Alameda, a son taking his degree at Stanford, and one family in Richmond, two in El Cerrito, and one in Claremont. . . . Parents of Howard Dunn of the Bishopric, have been visiting here. . . . Olga Smith's 83-year old mother, Sister Miller, blind and bedfast was the recipient of visits on her birthday from the presidency of the R .S. of Dimond ward and 30 others. . . . Sister Thelma Jenkel is fast recovering from an illness, and we all wish her well.

Mildred Pierce Morgan will serve as our ward Messenger reporter. Please hand in or phone ward news to her. Call LA. 3-5999.

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With a loss of but one game, Pittsburg ward won its first Stake M-Men basket ball championship. The winner of the league was not conclusive, however, until the very end of the 12-game series.

Four teams representing Pittsburg, Claremont and Berkeley wards, and a team of old timers representing the Stake Board, played a very clean and sportsmanlike series of six doubleheaders during the last of December and the first of January.

Pittsburg's team, composed primarily of soldiers from Camp Stoneman, lost their first game by default to Berkeley ward, but swept through the rest of the official league without a loss. They disposed of the Stake Board team (practice game) rather easily, but met very tough opposition from Claremont and Berkeley.

In playing Sunset ward which, without any doubt, was the best team of San Francisco stake, Pittsburg lost a tense and heartbreaking game by a score of 15 to 16. The second game played in Kezar pavillion was another tight one with Pittsburg a 17 to 15 winner. Dick Palmer, formerly of Berkeley ward but now in charge of M-Men athletics in San Francisco stake, arranged for the third and final game to be played at Balboa high. When Pittsburg arrived there, due to some misunderstanding, no one met them.

After driving around, being lost and separated, and a few frantic phone calls, the game finally got under way. Sunset got a narrow early lead, but pulled ahead to lead at the half 18-12. Pittsburg closed the lead during the third quarter to 18-19. In the last half Pittsburg made only one free throw, and Sunset won the trip to Sacramento with a final deserved success score of 27-19. We hope Sunset goes on to Salt Lake.

If the Pittsburg team had gone to Salt Lake, many of the boys would have been home; Dale Nielsen would have to go only to Logan to be home; Cecil George and Hank Stevens to Kanosh; Glen Ellsworth and Kay Johnson to Idaho and Chester Lameroux to Arizona. Only the center, Proctor, would have had to come back to California—to Los Angeles.

A cup to be held by Pittsburg until a new winner is decided will be presented to the 1948 champs at the M-Men, Gleaner Girl banquet in March.

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● A volley ball league, that will be open to all ages, Jr. M. Men, M-Men, and Special Interest Men, is being planned. Each ward will be informed of the time and place of the first game. Volley ball can be a very exciting and exacting game and, as many learned in the army, a lot of fun.

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E. Richmond Ward

NOTICE—New time for the priesthood meeting. Sunday, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. This includes all quorums of the priesthood. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Remember.

Friday, February 20, a delightful concert was given in the ward chapel by James and Charlotte Richardson. The Relief Society held a cake sale and bazaar after the program. The affair was to help raise funds for the Relief Society building in Salt Lake City. Those members of the ward who did not attend missed a rare treat.

Boy Scout Troop 131 went to the Slide Inn at Pine Crest in the high Sierras for a snow hike. They left here Saturday, February 21, and returned the following Monday. A glorious time was enjoyed cooking and eating in the open and sleeping in tents. They had fun skiing and they rode toboggans. The committeemen in charge were: Edward Lane, Gordon Gross and Phil Lewis. Fifteen boys revelled in the trip.

March 26 comes the East Richmond ward Green and Gold ball. Plans are underway to select the queen.

March 12 the Relief Society is giving a big party for the adult members of the ward. Be sure and reserve this date for a special occasion.

The welfare meetings which have been held at the educational sessions in the ward were a great source of information to those who attended. We wish to express our appreciation to those who put the program on for us.

We are sorry to lose Glen and Margaret Zwifel who have moved to Idaho. They were the acting secretaries of the two Mutuals.—Mrs. Albert Dietliker, LA 5-9508

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McKinney on "How to Plan Budgets," Wayne F. McIntire on Place of Credit and Saving in e Budget," and Ira Markham on, "What Can be Done for Protection Against Risks."

The three programs thus presented constructive approaches to the welfare program. Altho the meetings were not well attended for one reason or another, still it is felt that they will be the basis for further elaboration and wider presentation in follow-up programs in the wards themselves. One objective of these efforts is to stimulate the people more generally to lay away a year's supply of clothing and food.

The question is often asked, "Why store food? Is this not hording?" To this Pres. Mayhew replied that at present food surplusses are the bane of those dealing in the various foods. Famine seems most unlikely. And yet there is a wisdom beyond any future disaster in the plan to purchase food and clothing with the idea of being a year ahead all the time, using out of the stored material and replenishing again as you go thru the year.

Any family with a year's supply has an economic security. Unemployment or sickness periods can be survived. Any family that will follow the advice of the Church leaders with faith and prayer will surely find ways to store both clothing and food, and will also learn ways to use foods more wisely."

Following Elder Mayhew's address, William Banks urged the storage of wheat, and its grinding and use in the home. "It is better to eat wheat than white bread," Brother Banks declared, "140 pounds of wheat is required to produce 100 pounds of refined flour. How much better it is for the human body and its health to eat this extra 40 pounds and get the minerals and vitamins that are so abundant in these 40 pounds, than to feed it all to animals, and then go to the drug store to purchase vitamins and minerals to improve poor health.

Pittsburg Ward

Elsewhere in the Messenger you will read of the new Bishopric of the Pittsburg Ward. J. Harold Magleby succeeds our former Bishop C. Pearce who now is firmly established in Houston, Texas.

News of the youth of Pittsburg: Another roller skating party sponsored by Pittsburg's M Men and Gleaners, with Martinez and Walnut Creek people participating, was held on February 8. Discounting a couple of casualties everyone had a very good time with the last word being "When can we have another one?"

Columbia Steel Co. was visited on February 19 by 17 of our M Men and Gleaners (and a few strays). Bishop J. H. Kirby was the guide and nothing was left undone on the tour. They watched the steel turn into wire, nails, fences and practically every other thing you can name as concerns steel.

"Cupid's Capers" has come and gone. Our M Men and Gleaners were hosts to the Berkeley Stake M Men and Gleaners on February 21 at the Ambrose School at a very entertaining party. The hall was decorated with hearts, palm leaves and almond blossoms; there was a small orchestra which outclassed many big ones in the country (we think). Every ward was represented and joined most heartily in the events of the evening. Hats off to Carol Clayton and Maynard Gunter and their committees for this clever party.

Having been set up as a dependent branch, the people of Brentwood recently held a box lunch social with the Pittsburg Saints invited. In the words of their won't be long before Pittsburg Mormons Branch President, Kenneth Lewis: "It will be looking to their neighbors in the Brentwood area for inspiration." Could be.

Gladys Davis has been chosen and sustained as the chairman of the Latter-day Saints Girls' program. Here's to bigger and better achievements from the girls of the Ward.—Gloria Magleby, Ward Reporter.

Pittsburg's Chapel Almost Completed

The first fruits of our new Stake Building Program is in the form of two buildings and an abandoned army chapel located at Pittsburg. These three buildings have been set in place. and occupancy of the chapel could take place immediately were it not for the fact that theer is still no electricity to date in the building. The inside is in almost perfect condition with very few changes to be made before occupancy. However, such new features as a sound proof balcony for mothers and their children with glass in front and a loud speaker for them to hear by, carpets throughout, better seats, and a renovating of the front is being contemplated for the eventual completion of the chapel. A recreation hall, Relief Society room, kitchen and class rooms will occupy the other buildings also acquired. Sketches for a new front and for complete landscaping are being made and hearts in Pittsburg beat faster as they contemplate the day when they need no longer meet in a hall but in a spacious house of the Lord. At present the chapel wil lseat about 360 people.

Comments On 'Cumorah-Where?'

"It fulfills my belief, and answers many baffling questions," writes one reader in Alameda. "It serves in condensing some important data, as well as in provoking interest in the interrogative," says another in Oakland: "I find it most interesting," comes a comment from Colorado, while from a critical appraisal from an Indian Mission District President at Blanding, Utah, we read: "I have gotten a real wallop out of your book . . . congratulations to the author of the book, and the worthy efforts he has made."

From Kelso, Washington, we hear, "Stimulating and interesting—not to say revealing," and from Salinas, California, "Enjoyed the book, have sent it on to my father, a Book of Mormon student"; one reader from Salt Lake City comments, "I have read and enjoyed 'Cumorah—Where?' very much. At the time it came I was reading the Book of Mormon again, this time for the historical sequences of the story. I was able to get more of the geography of the book by having 'Cumorah—Where?' to refer to."

Institute News

Students returned from their vacations during February to start a new semester at the University. This signaled the commencement of religious classes and social activities at the church Institute in Berkeley. The first affair was a dance and social in the recreation hall on Friday evening, February 20.

The long-awaited California Conference of all Lambda Delta Sigma chapters in the state has been announced as the next event. Members from chapters at Berkeley, the U.C.L.A., the U.S.C., Stanford, San Jose State College and other colleges in Northern and Southern California will meet in Fresno on March 6 and 7. There will be committee meetings, a dinner and dancing, on Saturday, the 6th, and conferences Sunday with several distinguished speakers. The trip will be made in a chartered bus from Berkeley. Conventional officers from Northern and Southern California met in Fresno on February 14, to complete the plans and make arrangements for housing.

THE MESSENGER GOES TO RIEMS, FRANCE

Under date of February 10, 1948, Elder Keith Gaisford, Claremont ward, sends the Messenger his new address, 25 Boulevard Jamin, Reims, France, and adds, "I wish to express my appreciation for the 'Messenger' and all the home news it brings . . . . Reims is quite a nice city with a population of 115,000. This city is modern in comparison with other French cities because it was rebuilt after World War I. The people tell me there were only 30 roofs left in the entire area.

"We have many good friends here, and a few that believe that we have an important message. . . . Naturally, the biggest barrier is Catholism, but we must convince the people some way or other."

Elmhurst Sends Out A Lady Missionary

On March 26 at 8 p.m. in the Elmhurst chapel Gwen Muir will be given a farewell prior to her departure for the Western States mission. Gwen is the daughter of James and Alice Muir, he being a member of the stake high council.

Gwen is a Castlemont high school graduate; she was also a student at the San Francisco Junior college, the U. C. medical center in San Francisco, from which she graduated with a nurse's degree in February ,1946. She also holds a B. S. degree from the University of California, and has been serving as night supervisor at the Children's hospital in Oakland.

As president of the Fireside Gwen proved a good leader. She also served the last summer as activity director for the Elmhurst M Men and Gleaners. All unite in wishing her every blessing upon her labors in the mission field.

Large LDS Building Concern In Northern Calif.

Some of the largest industries of our LDS in the bay region are still not too well known. Among these is the Claude T. Lindsay, Inc., of San Francisco, a residence building concern that operates on an enormous scale in many parts of the bay area. Angus Norberg and Don Bennion are employed by the concern in the offices. During the war they built many large sub-divisions, and are still at it. Among their activities is that of manufacturing and erecting factory-built homes of one, two or three rooms. A large factory is maintained for this work at Decoto, Alameda county.

During the month of March Charles M. Maurer and associates will begin an active affiliation with the Claude T. Lindsay company. They have accepted an agency with the company for the erection of factory-built homes in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Maurer already announces that they have contracts for some half dozen of the homes. We all wish them every success.

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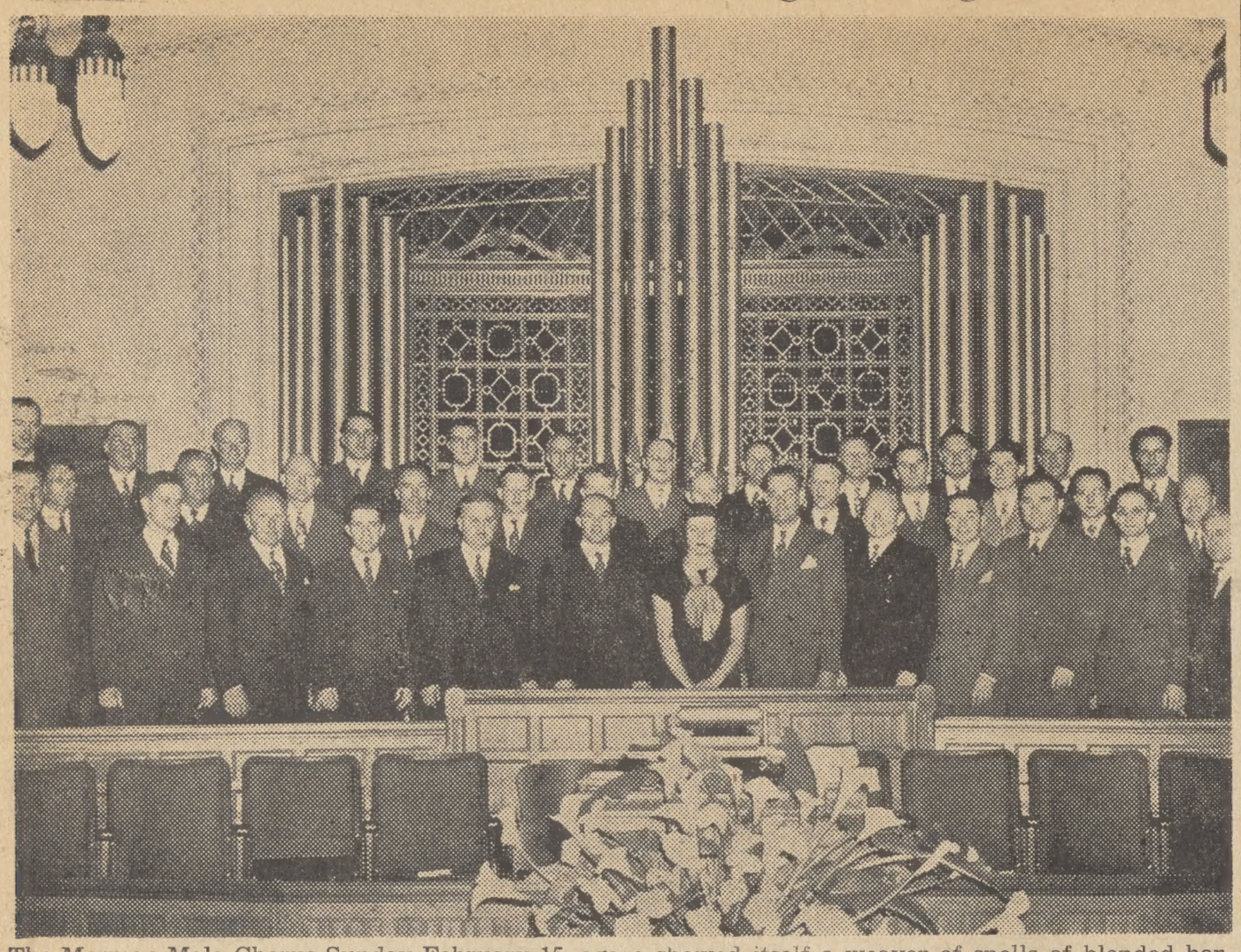

The Mormon Male Chorus Sunday February 15, again showed itself a weaver of spells of blended harmony that enthrall the audiences just as in the days before the last war when it filled so many artistic niches in our east bay cultural activities. The group of singers shown above with Robert Sant the gifted leader, and Mary Watkinson, the pianist, rendered three master pieces of musical composition at the MIA session of the Berkeley stake conference, Sunday evening. February 15, before a capacity audience. Intersperced throughout the evening's program these three numbers were. "Hear My Prayer, O God" by Alexander Kopyloff, "Open Our Eyes" by M. C. MacFarlane, and "The Comrades Song of Hope" long a favorite of the chorus and audiences for years past. The chorus meets every Monday night at the Oakland chapel for rehearsals. Any one wishing to become one of the chorus members may see the director any Monday evening. Beginning originally as part of the local church radio program, the chorus has appeared at many missionary farewells, before many community groups, and at several formal concerts of their own. Radio stations locally have bid for their talents in the past and may do so again when the chorus feels the time is propitious.

TRIP TO B. OF M. LANDS REPORTED

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coherent in regard to place names and geographical implications.

President Harmon has many photographs of the trip and these will soon be developed.

This trip of exploration into Book of Mormon lands is the only one made by Latter-day Saints since the one under the leadership of President Benjamin Cluff about 1900. In Mexico the party found the real meaning of manana, for many delays greeted them in securing government permits to carry arms and to excavate. Mexico is in a beautiful valley, and is indeed a land of many waters.

We camped eight days in the jungles of Campeche, Mexico, near the mouth of Usumacinta river where there are a number of ruins, one group of which had never before been seen by white men. The methods of the trained archeologists were followed, digging a test trench ten feet deep, beginning seven feet from the pyramid and screening the dirt each six-inch horizontal layer. The "sherd" thus dug contains pieces of crockery and pottery which is put in marked bags for later laboratory study. We thus found three pyramids, one on top of the other, and having between them kitchen midden sea shells. At six feet we had come to water level and knew that no building had gone on below that depth.

From there we went to Yucatan and beheld the uncovered ruins of Uxmal, both the "new city" and the "old city," and perceived that the older one had been the more highly civilized, just as the Book of Mormon record attests. We were enabled to attend a very strange cottage meeting. It was held in a Maya hut where about forty had been assembled by the jungle guide. We told them of the Book of Mormon, thru an interpreter. "My brothers and sisters," commented President Harmon, "Those people need our help. They need the blessings of the welfare plan which we enjoy, and the light of the Gospel teachings."

Richmond Ward

The evening of March 3 saw the drama presentation of the one-act play, "Soap Opera." Gloria Ellis, ward drama director, was in charge.

Peter Gengler is conducting danec instruction classes every Saturday night. Everyone is invited to attend. . . . A turkey dinner was given Saturday, February 27, in honor of the Special Interest group by the other classes of the M.I.A. The dinner was the reward of a recent attend-

Bishop Wightman, Bro. and Sister Carman, and Bro. and Sister Hopkins attended the Welfare Course in canning, and will obtain their state licenses. . . . Friday the 13th of February, was the occasion of the Sadie Hawkins dance. Prizes were given for the most appropriate costumes.

Richmond and East Richmond are now holding joint Priesthood sessions at 8:30 every Sunday morning. Come out and enjoy yourself and magnify your priesthood.

Howard and Beth Pierce were the hosts recently at a delightful party celebrating their sixth wedding anniversary.

This is the occasion to announce the arrival of Ernest Edward Bourne who opened his eyes on this world February 23, at the Alta Bates hospital, born to Ernest and Betty Bourne.—Betty Bourne, reporter.

Mesa Temple Trip

Sometime in April a group of east bay saints are going to the Mesa Temple, announces both President Wm. H. Evans and N. G. Tolman of the two stakes' genealogical committees. They issue an invitation to all interested in the trip to contact their ward committee chairman, who will relay the data to the stake chairmen mentioned.

While it is not likely that a great drive will be made for a large number or an excursion, still it is pointed out that there are always many going to the Mesa temple each spring from our stakes, and that it is more enjoyable to all concerned to know of this so that they may have the benefit and pleasures of traveling together in the same car on the same train.

Of course, if a goodly number made the trip, excursion trips will be available from the railroads. Further, it is possible that some may join and share the costs of an automobile trip, or a bus. For these reasons it is urged that all interested soon call either their ward chairmen of genealogical committees, or the two stake chairmen mentioned above.

Liahona Club News

The Liahona club in their monthly meeting at the Coit hotel heard a very interesting report from Thomas S. Ferguson of the recent trip of himself in company with W. Glenn Harmon and Professor Wells Jakeman of the B. Y. U., to southern Mexico.

Many interesting sidelights were cast upon the ancient ruins there, in a period of questions that followed the talk which was already made more vivid by means of maps of the region.

Since this trip is more completely reported in this issue of the Messenger no more will be said here of the matter. Radio Station KROW is to broadcast it later also. The BYU has purchased the famous Gates collection of Maya documents at the suggestion of Prof. Jakeman.

A report of the possibility of the club aiding in setting up a radio station in the east bay was again mentioned and voted to come before the club at its next meeting on the last Monday of March at the Coit hotel. A hearty invitation to all interested LDS businessmen to meet with the club at that time was made by President Van Noy.

E. Richmond Ward

NOTICE—The new time for the Priesthood meeting is Sundays, 8:30 a.m., t 9:30 a.m. This includes all quorums o the Priesthood. Sunday school will convene at 10:00 A.M. Be sure and keep thi in mind.

Friday, Feb. 20.—A very delightful concert was given in the ward chapel by James and Charlotte Richardson. The Relief Society held a cake sale and bazaar after the program. The affair was to help raise funds for the new Relief Society Building in Salt Lake. Those members o the ward who did not attend missed a very rare treat.

The Boy Scout Troup 131, went to the Slide Inn at Pine Crest in the High Sierras for a snow hike. They left here Saturday the 21, and returned Monday the 23. A glorious time was enjoyed, cooking and eating in the open, and sleeping in tents. They had fun skiing and they rode the toboggans. The committeemen in charge were Edward Lane, Gordon Gross, and Phil Lewis. Fifteen boys rerolled the trip.

March 26.—Comes the East Richmond Ward Green and Gold Ball. Plans are under way for selection of a queen.

March 12.—The Relief Society is giving a big party for the adult members of the ward. Be sure and reserve this date for a special occasion.

The Welfare Meetings which have been held in the ward at the Educational sessions, were a great cource of information to those who attended. We wish to express our appreciation to those who put the program on for us.

We are sorry to lose Glen and Margaarete Zwifel who have moved to Idaho. They were the acting secretaries of the two Mutuals.—Ethel B. Dietliker, LA. 5-9508.

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